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In re: Application of Michael J. Precopio

Serial No. 10/519, 372
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Art Unit: 1615

Title: METHODS FOR TREATING ECTOPARASITE INFECTIONS ON THE
MAMMALIAN BODY

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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter with attachments is in response to the "Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief" dated 02/22/2008.

It is respectfully submitted that the attached amended pages 3 and 5 now fully comply with the requirements of the above notification.

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In particular, the limitations in claim 1 have been mapped to the specification by page and line number on enclosed amended page 3.

Also on page 3, dependent claims 8 and 9 have been given page and line numbers.

Page 4 is included without any substantive changes other than text shifts due to the changes on page 3.

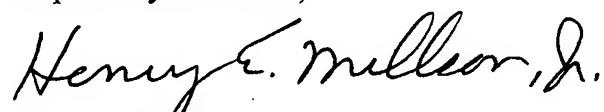
Page 5 contains amendments to "Dependent claims 60 and 61", "Dependent claim 62", and "Dependent claim 63" to more fully comply with the page and line number requirements.

Also, page 5A is included since the above changes required text to be transferred to an additional page.

It is believed that the above changes make the appeal brief in full compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 41.37.

Further processing of the brief before the Board of Appeals is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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